

2. **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the second paragraph on page 7 as follows:

C4 **~~FIG. 3A-B.~~ FIG. 3A-C.** A. The results of an experiment which demonstrates that peripherally-administered EPO pretreatment reduces seizure severity and protects mice from convulsions and death by the neurotoxin kainate. The numbers in parentheses under each column indicate the number of animals receiving each kainate dose. B shows that the protective effects of peripherally-administered EPO increase with daily administration of EPO. C illustrates that the onset of action of EPO is delayed, characteristic of the induction of a gene expression program.